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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 792** HLS 08RS 390  
Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**  
Opp. Chamb. Action:  
Proposed Amd.:  
Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> April 7, 2008 11:57 AM	<b>Author:</b> WHITE
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Central Recreation District	
<b>Subject:</b> Creation of the district	<b>Analyst:</b> Beverly Pope

DISTRICTS/RECREATION OR INCREASE LF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
Provides for the creation of a recreation district in the city of Central

**Purpose of Bill:** This measure creates the Central Recreation District as a political subdivision of the state of Louisiana for the purpose of planning, developing and operating public park and recreational properties and facilities in the district and administering programs and activities that promote recreation and the general health and well-being of citizens. The district will be governed by a board of 5 commissioners.

EXPENDITURES	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION  
This measure will cause an increase in local fund expenditures.

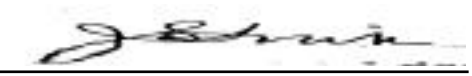
This measure allows the district to acquire, purchase, lease, use, sell, transfer and dispose of property. The district will be governed by a board. Members of the board will be paid a \$75 per diem for each meeting attended at an approximate annual cost of \$4,500 (5 members X 12 meetings X \$75). A tax renewal election is required in order to levy taxes after the 2008 and 2009 tax years and to issue bonds. Estimated local expenditures for an election in 2009 are \$25,053, according to the Department of State.

The finance director at BREC stated he did not think that the cost for the Central Recreation District to operate the parks and facilities would be very much different than BREC’s operating cost for the same parks and facilities. However, should the district issue bonds, expenditures could increase an indeterminable amount to cover the issue cost of the bonds, and interest payments. Finally, there would be an indeterminable amount of legal expenses associated with transferring title of BREC’s properties within the boundaries of Central to the Central Recreation District.

REVENUE EXPLANATION  
This measure may cause an increase in local fund revenues beginning in fiscal year 2010, assuming Central voters approve an ad valorem tax.

EBR Parish currently levies ad valorem taxes at 14.46 mills on the dollar of assessed valuation of property within the district of Central. Per BREC’s bond attorney, 3.253 of this millage is pledged as security for bond indebtedness, and does not expire until December 31, 2024. Beginning in 2008, the Central Recreation District will levy taxes not to exceed 14 mills, and EBR Parish will continue to levy the 3.253 mills. Because a tax election is not called for until the 2010 tax year, we assume for the 1st 2 years, the combined millages levied by EBR Parish and Central will not exceed the 14.46 mills previously approved by the voters, therefore the measure has no impact on revenue in the first two years. Beginning in tax year 2010, with approval of the voters, Central may levy up to 14 millages, plus an amount in addition to the 14 mills; thus revenue could increase by an indeterminable amount.

The district may also increase the rates for use of its facilities which may increase revenues an indeterminable amount.

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost	<b>Joy Irwin</b> <b>Director of Advisory Services</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease	